

## Bylaw 17555

To Replace Bylaw 13777, the City of Edmonton Waste Management Bylaw

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### Purpose

To replace Waste Management Bylaw 13777 with an updated Waste Management Bylaw.

### Readings

Bylaw 17555 is ready for three readings. If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 17555 be considered for third reading.”

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Report Summary

**Bylaw 17555 is the revised version of the Waste Management Bylaw. The new Bylaw includes updated term references, sections and is rewritten and reorganized to make it easier to use and follow. These changes will ensure that future amendment and revisions can be easily conducted. No changes to fines, waste service fees, or rates are included in the new Bylaw.**

### Previous Council/Committee Action

At the June 27, 2016, Utility Committee meeting, Bylaw 17555 was forwarded to the July 12, 2016, City Council meeting for the appropriate readings.

### Report

Waste Management Bylaw 13777, approved in 2004, was rewritten in order to bring it up to date in a user friendly format, to accurately reference waste management facilities and services, and to provide clear guidance regarding enforcement.

### Waste Management facilities and services

Several sections of the bylaw were rewritten to provide greater clarity around the service provided by the Waste Management Utility particularly as it relates to single unit and multi-unit residential premises and mixed-use sites. The proposed bylaw includes a prohibition for residential waste collection by private haulers for the base level of service. Although the current bylaw required all residential premises to pay the monthly waste service fee, it did not include this prohibition. The proposed bylaw provides greater flexibility for changing standards for recyclables and provides the City Manager with discretion for acceptance of certain types of waste depending upon the Waste Management Utility’s operational needs. The proposed bylaw also provides more clarity for citizens’ responsibilities regarding waste set out.

### Enforcement

While this bylaw rewrite was not driven by a rise in non-compliance, certain provisions were rewritten in collaboration with the City's Community Standards Branch in order to better align enforcement requirements within existing bylaws such as Community Standards and Public Spaces. Sections of the existing bylaw were regrouped and combined and two new Sections dealing with Enforcement and Powers of the City Manager were added. As the Waste Management Utility is responsible for collection and processing of waste from approximately 370,000 residential customers in Edmonton, compliance with the bylaw is key for safe and efficient service delivery.

### Fines, rates, & fees

There are no changes to fines, monthly waste service rates or disposal fees charged at Eco Stations or at the Edmonton Waste Management Centre.

### **Policy**

The Ways/policies related to Bylaw 17555 are listed below:

- *The Way We Green*
- *The Way We Finance*
- Waste Management Policy- C527
- Edmonton's Environmental Management System- C505
- Environmental Policy- C512
- Edmonton's Community Energy Transition Strategy- C585
- Green Building- C567

### **Corporate Outcomes**

Bylaw 17555, which replaces Bylaw 13777, supports "Edmonton is a safe city" by ensuring residents and City employees are protected at City facilities and in the public spaces where the Waste Management utility operates. The Bylaw is also aligned with the outcomes "Edmonton's operations are environmentally sustainable" and "Edmonton is an environmentally sustainable and resilient City" as the Bylaw directs what residential waste is appropriate for collection and supports our efforts to influence the non-residential waste processing and disposal sector. Lastly, this Bylaw also ensures "The City of Edmonton has a resilient financial position" as our non-residential operations may generate revenue, may contribute to offsetting increases to regulated rates, and may improve the financial position of the Waste Management Utility.

### **Budget/Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications to the new Bylaw as there are no changes in rates or fees.

### **Legal Implications**

Bylaw 17555 is authorized under the *Municipal Government Act* RSA 2000 Chapter M-26.

### **Justification of Recommendation**

The recommendation to give Bylaw 17555 three readings is required to have it replace the existing Waste Bylaw 13777. Bylaw 17555 is improved in its clarity and organization and allows for future changes to be made more easily.

### **Attachments**

1. Bylaw 17555 Waste Management Bylaw
2. Side-by-Side Comparison - Bylaw 17555 and Bylaw 13777

### **Others Reviewing this Report**

- R. Smyth, Deputy City Manager, Citizen Services
- T. Burge, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- R. G. Klassen, Deputy City Manager, Sustainable Development